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SUBJ: MEETING OF EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS

1. POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE EUROPEAN UNION OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (UEDC) WILL MEET IN THE HAGUE FEB 14-15. AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF A POLITICAL MANIFESTO FOR EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES, THE NEXT EUROPEAN SUMMIT MEETING, POLITICAL-MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND RECENT EVENTS IN PORTUGAL. KAI-UWE VON HASSEL, CHAIRMAN OF THE UEDC, ARNALDO FORLANI, UEDC SEC-GEN AND ITALIAN DEFMIN, AND HANS LUCKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE FEB 14.

2. DUTCH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS HAVE ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE ON THE SUBJECT OF COOPERATION WITH PORTUGUESE PARTIES.

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THE RELEASE POINTS OUT THAT UEDC CONTACTS WERE FIRST

ESTABLISHED WITH THE PARTIDO POPULAR DEMOCRATICO, BUT
HAVE NOT BEEN MAINTAINED AS THE PPD LATER APPLIED FOR
MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL. CURRENT
CONTACTS ARE WITH THE CDS (PARTIDO CONTRO DEMOCRATA SOCIAL)
AND THE PARTIDO DA DEMOCRACIA CRISTA. ALLEGATIONS THAT THE CDS
IS A REFUGE FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE PREVIOUS REGIME ARE DENIED.
ITS LEADER, PROFESSOR AMARAL, WAS A RESEARCH ASSISTANT TO CAETANO
WHEN CAETANO WAS A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, BUT THE RELEASE
NOTES THAT AMARAL AND THE PROGRAM OF THE CDS ARE
DEDICATED TO ESTABLISHING DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.
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